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SUBJECT: BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
KOREA

1. SAMUEL AND PIKE OF BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED ON GLEYSTEN
JANUARY 3 TO PASS PAPER CONTAINING FONOFF VIEWS ON POSSIBLE
APPROACH TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL ON KOREA. TEXT BEING
FORWARDED SEPTTEL.

2. PAPER PROPOSES THAT WE CONSIDER SEEKING EARLY MEETING
OF SECURITY COUNCIL WITH THE VIEW ULTIMATELY TO OBTAINING
A RECOMMENDATION EFFECTING DISSOLUTION OF THE UNC WITH
SUITABLE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. TIMING
OF SECURITY COUNCIL MOVE IS LINKED TO PROBLEM OF BRITISH
RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AND, IN CONCLUSION, NOTES THAT
TAKING MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL COULD PROVIDE A
PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE FOR CONTINUED DELAY OF TIMING OF ANY
BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA.

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3. GLEYSTEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION HMG APPROACH AND NOTED THAT WE DO NEED TO BEGIN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO HANDLE UNC AND ARMISTICE PROBLEM IN UN CONTEXT AS WELL AS IN OTHER CHANNELS. HE NOTED OUR BASIC CONCERNS ARE THAT SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS BE CARRIED OUT TO PRESERVE PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA AND THAT WE DO NOT TAKE ANY STEPS IN UN CONTEXT WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE OUR

EFFORTS TO REACH VIABLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

4. IN PERSONAL VEIN, GLEYSTEN INDICATED THAT HE SAW PROBLEMS WITH PRESSING FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON KOREA, BUT RECOGNIZED THAT IN ANY EVENT WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR AT LEAST INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITHIN SECURITY COUNCIL CONTEXT, GIVEN WORDING OF OUR OWN RESOLUTION. SAID THAT WE WOULD STUDY BRITISH PAPER IN THAT CONTEXT AND BE BACK SHORTLY WITH MORE FORMAL VIEWS.

5. COMMENT: OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT BRITISH PAPER NOT OVERLY PERSUASIVE ON ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO OUR SIDE IN PRESSING FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. PAPER ALSO OVERLOOKS OR OBSCURES SEVERAL MAJOR OBSTACLES (E.G., PRC NEGATIVE VIEW OF SECURITY COUNCIL ROLE; REFUSAL BY OTHER SIDE TO CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL TO LINK UNC DISSOLUTION TO MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT).
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